ficians the uſe of ſimple Medicins made of Herbs, uſed by plain Countrey-men, Nurſes, Farriers, &c. affirming, that the chief of the Antient Phyſicians, as *Celſus*, *Scribonius*, *Marcellus*, *Dioſcorides* and others have done ſo.

He taketh notice, *Firſt*, That the external likeneſs in ſome Plants is not to be altogether deſpiſed; affirming, that from thence it was diſcovered, that our *Aſhwood*, like to *Guaiacum*, is conducive to the *Lues Venerea*, and other Maligne Diſeaſes. *Secondly*, That neither the outward Signature is to be totally neglected; ſince the Antients thereby did firſt diſcover, that *Hypericum* was good for wounds; *Pulmonaria* for the Lungs; *Saxifraga*, for the Gravel; *Walnuts* for the Diſtempers of the Head. Where he notes, that theſe ſignes do not ſo much reſpect the parts of the Body, as their Diſtemper.

He concludeth with obſerving, that thoſe Plants which afford Salts of the like Figure, ſeem to evince a likeneſs in their Vertues. Upon this accompt he compareth together *Wormwood* and *Pellitory on the Wall*; *Baulm* and *Fennel*; *Licoriſh* and *Capillus Veneris*; *Roſemary* and *Bugloſſe*. &c.

The Treatiſe it ſelf, to which this Epiſtle is an Introduction, is directed to Medical Practice, and enlarged with divers uſeful Obſervations for the ſake of young Phyſicians.

V. *DE LACTE LUNÆ Diſſertatio Medica*, Johannis Danielis Majoris, *Ph. & M. D.* Kiloni 1667 *in* 4o.

THis Book came but very lately to our view; And that the extravagant Name of its Subject may not take off ſober men from conſidering it, we ſhall at the very firſt tell them, that by this affected word of *Lac Lunæ* nothing elſe is meant here, than *Flores Argenti*, or a fine white porous and friable Earth, inſipid and without ſcent, diſſoluble in water, and tinging it with a milky colour, and ſometimes raiſing a kind of ebullition in it; found commonly in Silver-Mines, and in them ſublimed and ſticking to the roofs of the rocky Hills; having a drying and abſterſive quality, and therefore good againſt the afflux of ſharp humors in ulcerated parts; ſerving alſo for an excellent *Coſmetick*. All which particulars are at large deduced and diſcourſed upon by the Author; who obſerveth, *firſt*, That *Geſner* in his Book of *Foſſils* taketh good notice of this Mineral Earth; and affirms it to be found in the Mountains of *Helvetia*, eſpecially that, which is called *Mount Pilat*. From whom he thinks that others, as *Boethius à Boot*, *Olaus Wormius*, *Aldrovandus*, *Calceolarius*, and others, have taken the hint.

Secondly, He maketh the matter of this Earth to be the Metallick Vapors of Silver-Ore, by ſome fermentation raiſed and ſublimed, and then condenſed.

Thirdly, Having commended its *Abſterſive* and *Coſmetique* quality, he giveth this following *Recipe*;

Lact. Lunæ Drachm. VII.
Laccæ Virginian. vel Florentin. Drachm. I.
Moſchi optim. gran II. *vel* III.
Miſc. exacte fiat pulvis ſubtilis.

which Powder, *he ſaith*, when 'tis to be uſed for the face or hands, may, for more conveniency, be moiſtened with ſome Eſſence of *Benzoin*, *Roſe-water* or *Orange water*; whereby the skin ſhall acquire a natural and florid whiteneſs, without any danger of miſchief.

Fourthly, Inquiring into the particular places of the Generation of this Earth, he affirms it to be found, as in the above-named Mountains of *Helvetia*, ſo in the Mines of *New Spain*, and about the *Mexican Bay*, as alſo about *Peruſium* in *Italy*, in an Iſle near *Hamborough*, called *Heilige Land*, belonging to the Duke of *Holſtein*, and in *Silſia* near *Bruſnitz*.

Errata, In Numb. 58. p. 1186. l. 17. r. *to remove*, p. 1192. l. 12. r. *at Franchin.* p. 1200. l. 16. r. *before noon.*

In Numb. 59. p. 1041. l. 19. r. *Pupilla which dilates*, p. 1045. l. 20. r. *pipe, I took.*

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